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Mrs. Manley;

As you know, I was barred  
from playing with the Kansas City  
Monarchs against the Homestead  
Grays in Washington, Sunday, Sept.  
6<sup>th</sup>, and from all competition against  
National League teams. As I under-  
stood the telegram I have been  
treated as one who is blackballed.  
I can see no reason for that.  
I haven't jumped any contract

3) If my two year absence from the league, I see ~~no~~ reason for it.

Bell played with Chicago last year and played in the east all season.

All I want is to know my standing so I can act accordingly. I lost a week's pay from my job and also playing. I don't expect the National League to reimburse me.

I am leaving for the army induction ~~center~~ center in a day or so and if

and I received no communication <sup>12</sup> from any National League club this season, so I fail to see any reason for the action. As a matter of fact I have signed no contract for two years. I helped you out last year when your players jumped to Mexico, (something I didn't do when I had an opportunity) and now I am barred.

Mrs. Manley all I want is an exact explanation of the action, because ~~of~~ in view



4/ this conflict ever ends I'd like  
to be able to know how I stand.

Thanking you in advance  
Francis Matthews